

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## Joy and Gloom in a Varnished Room

Well varnished, carpeted, draped or just plain old painted, it could easily be gloom OR joy, depending on the amount of business you're doing. And for the most part, from here it looks more like the joy bit rather than the gloom. At least from a volume business standpoint, not-with-standing we still have an airline strike on our hands.

Let's take for example, that fine little spot over on Hawthorne in Inglewood by the name of Bar-B-Que Pete's for those well done, but REALLY well-done spare ribs. Or if you're in a chicken mood, give that barbecued tender chicken a shot. You'll like either or both.

And by the way, cocktails are available in one or all of the four dining rooms and it's a seven-day-a-week operation here. Eleven in the ayem 'til eleven in the evening, Sunday through Thursday and then for Friday and Saturday — plus holiday eves — they stay open 'til one in the morning for your dining pleasure.

If you're a little short of cash, just produce your Diners Club card and you're in. That's at 111th St. and Hawthorne.

Now here's a deal for you that hasn't yet been presented in the area of the Palms Verdes Peninsula.

It's the vast facilities being put at your disposal for any and all types of group gatherings beginning Sept. 15 at the Galley West Restaurant.

What more beautiful spot on the coast line could you wish for than right there on the tip, overlooking the beautiful blue Pacific for your next banquet, soiree, or what-have-you. And this isn't limited to just special days, friend! This'll be any time for luncheon or dinner and they can handle as many as 250 persons at one sitting.

Might be a good spot to keep in mind for those upcoming "company parties" that take place during the holiday season next fall and winter. Better take down this phone number and ask for the Catering Manager. It's 377-7877. They're taking bookings as of right now.

Meanwhile, the Dave Howard Trio is still holding fourth down there in The Bridge nitely for your dancing and listening enjoyment.

There're a couple of other things you don't want to pass up at the Galley West. One is that Captain's Table Buffet Breakfast from nine in the

ayem 'til noon on Sundays for a buck seventy-five.

Then, for you stay-uppers, they've got a doozy of a cocktail hour going for you Monday through Friday "Too-fur Time" and runs from 11 at nite 'til 1 a.m. During that two hour period you receive two drinks for the price of one. Now is that not a crazy cocktail hour? Try it!

Yes, Maynard Sloate's gone and done it again! Or at least, re-done it! He's brought old New Orleans back to the Blue Room of the Tropicana Hotel in ye olde Las Vegas with the musical magic of Pete Fountain, who'll reopen at this popular Strip spot like the day after tomorrow—the 19th.

This jazzy group played uninterrupted one-hour sets during the March debut and broke all kinds of records, and firmly established the jazz medium along the Las Vegas Strip. Mr. New Orleans and his educated clarinet have signed for several weeks a year in the Tropicana where he adds excitement to the colorful lineup of musical greats. Alternating with Pete will be that handsome and talented vocalist, Bob Brannan, who has also signed a similar contract for this spacious showcase.

And while at the Tropicana, don't EVER pass up that current spectacular, the Folies Bergere which will wind up it's run sometime early in December.

Ever hear of Broadway A La Carte? Well you're going to! It's a new type of talent exhibition that's put on in true Las Vegas style at Al Saks Nob Hill in Panorama City, over in the Valley.

Made the short jaunt one nite last week and we were richly rewarded with good food, good drinks and wonderful entertainment.

Broadway A La Carte is presented nitely at the Nob Hill before, during or after

your dinner in high good taste. It's musical comedy style and includes excerpts from such hit shows as "Bye Bye Birdie," "Carousel," the "Pajama Game" and "Irma La Douce," and with a highly talented cast. People like Ken Delo, Bonnie West, Linda Phillips, Bob Roman, Karen Dille, Darlene Mitchell and Ray Allex.

This is the second such show we've caught at the Nob Hill and can say nothing but praise for the presentation of such extravaganzas.

So if you're planning to be in the Valley in the near future, and want a good spot for dining and entertainment, the Nob Hill is your dish of tea. Takes just about 45 minutes from Torrance to make the trip and that's without hurrying.

It's at 8229 Van Nuys Blvd. and it might be wise to make reservations so give 'em a call at 989-2222. You'll like it.

Now is THIS a gas! You've heard the slogan "I'd walk a mile for a Camel" but this is ridiculous! Traveling 3,000 miles for an enchilada! Wow!

Well that's what one very enterprising and daring couple did this week and just about the time they'll be sitting in Bart Earle's Red Onion on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center and wolfing down an excellent Sonora style Mexican dinner, Marie and Vincent Procopio will be reading this item and wondering how word got here so quickly about their arrival to Rolling Hills.

Y'see, when you present GOOD food, the news travels fast and far. These gentle folk had heard about the Red Onion clear back in New York and got to thinking so much about it they just upped and came West. This must mean they don't have really good Mexican food back East. (Now that should stir up the pot somewhat!)

So bon appetite, Mr. and Mrs. Procopio and to further



**BATMAN AND BAT-DOLPHINS**... Batman, on location at Marineland of the Pacific for a 20th Century-Fox feature film, takes time out to feed newly found friends in the dolphin pool. The famous crime fighter of Gotham City delighted the dolphins with fish handouts.

enhance that great meal, you're enjoying, try some Carta Blanca beer along with it. But don't let the other character there at the table add any more of that hot sauce to your burrito!

Now here's your chance, you Chili lovers! (That's lovers of chili — not cool sweethearts!) This, too, is over in the Valley just a block from Woodman Ave. in Sherman Oaks. It's The Chili Place!

And some of the best chili that's ever crossed these tired old lips was obtained at 13573 Ventura Blvd. It's a spot you can't miss even if you try. Sit's right on the corner and is painted black and white

striped. As if that isn't enough, owner-operator Loren Crouther dolls himself up in a shirt to match, along with Mrs. C. (Betty). Now where they get these striped jobs is a mystery.

The shirts don't enhance the Chili, however. This is already enhanced with the original ingredients (which Loren prefers to keep to himself) and comes in hot, medium and mild. It's there to eat in or take out, just as you like.

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This is truly, a Chili that's worth traveling a short ways for in any kind of weather. The late Art Ryon used to boost The Chili Place every chance he got, and he was a connoisseur on the subject of Chili. Must try to believe.

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**OLE! OLE!**... That's the cry you hear these nites at The Matador Restaurant on Pico in West L.A. and it's prompted by the return of the highly talented dancer-vocalist Pedro Tirado. Tirado is a Spanish entertainer's Spanish entertainer appearing in the outstanding new revue featuring guitarist-singer Maria del Rey, guitarist David London, and Manuel Garcia Matos on piano. See 'em soon.

## Galley West Plans Outdoor Art Show

An outdoor art exhibit has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday Aug. 21 and 22 at the Galley West Restaurant of original paintings from the Rock Art Gallery, displaying works from a group of well-known Southland artists.

This outdoor Art Classic is to be free of admission and will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. both days, according to Galley West general manager, Jim Hanna.

"The exhibit is to be under the direction of Bob Rock and will comprise an array of framed paintings, depicting world-wide scenes," Hanna said.

Some of the artists to be represented and slated to attend the two day showing are Francis Woodahl, Mary Storm, David Gourlie, Patty Rock, and David States.

Exhibitors are internationally known and have won numerous art association and gallery awards both here and abroad.

## Tchaikovsky Winner To Perform at Bowl

Three young Americans phony Orchestra for the con who won top honors in cert. which begins at 8:30 the Tchaikovsky International p.m.

Jane Marsh, soprano, the first woman singer ever to win First Prize in the competition, will be heard in the Letter Scene from Tchaikovsky's opera, "Eugen Onegin."

Veronica Tyler, soprano, who won the Second Prize, will be heard in the aria Deuis le jour from Charpentier's opera, "Louise."

"My Man's Gone Now," from Ger-shwin's opera, "Porgy and Bess," and in the duet, "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," from the same opera, with third prize winner bass-baritone Simon Estes.

Miss Tyler also will sing Doretta's Aria from Puccini's "La Rondine."

Estes will be heard in Ella gimmai m'amo from Verdi's "Don Carlo" and Ecco il mondo from Bolto's "Mephistophele." He also will sing Old Man River from Kern's opera, "Showboat."

The Hollywood Bowl "Pops" Orchestra will perform Rossini's Overture to "La Gazza Ladra" and the Interlude from "Eugen Onegin."



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